

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: MARTIN J. SUMMERFIELD wa.
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FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT
(Bufile 65-48451)

DATE: June 20, 1951

Remylet dated June 9, 1951.

Since the date of referenced letter, investigation has been conducted at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California, and the following information was ascertained:

According to files maintained for the subject by [redacted]
[redacted] the subject completed Personnel Security Questionnaire dated September 10, 1948.

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A review of this file indicated that on September 9, 1948 WALTER J. MURPHY, then personnel administrator of the Laboratory, received a call from [redacted] of the Pasadena Office of the Los Angeles Ordnance District of the War Department, with reference to clearance for the subject. At the time of this call [redacted] advised that he was in receipt of information from his headquarters in Washington, D.C. to the effect that information had been received from the Atomic Energy Commission that in an initial check in connection with the PSQ being processed for AEC, it had been learned that there was derogatory information concerning the subject. On receipt of this information [redacted] headquarters requested that he contact the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and arrange for the obtaining of a new PSQ form for the subject in order that it might be immediately processed to establish the subject's level of clearance. It was noted at that time no actual clearance for the subject had been issued since September 4, 1944.

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At the time [redacted] made this call to MURPHY he additionally requested that the subject be denied access to secret and top secret information.

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cc: Newark (Enc.)
San Francisco (Enc.)
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In compliance with [redacted] request MURPHY obtained a signed PSQ which he transmitted to [redacted] by letter dated September 13, 1948.

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By letter dated January 17, 1949 [redacted] of the Headquarters of the Sixth Army Presidio at San Francisco, California, advised that the subject was cleared for access to top secret or secret information. Photostats of this exchange in correspondence referred to hereinbefore, together with the PSQ completed by the subject in his own handwriting, and the signed carbon copy of the typed copy made therefrom, are being forwarded within as enclosures to the Bureau, San Francisco and Newark.

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The Bureau's attention is directed to the fact that the PSQ referred to hereinbefore dated September 10, 1948 is the type known as WD 19105. This particular PSQ was the type then in force and was normally used in clearance matters. This, as a matter of actual fact, is the same type of PSQ which was used in the prosecution of SIDNEY WEINBAUM in his trial of September, 1950. The count of Fraud Against the Government charged against WEINBAUM at that time was based on the same type of PSQ, it being noted that WEINBAUM had neglected to include thereon that he had been in the past a member of the Communist Party. Your attention is directed to the fact, however, that at the time of the WEINBAUM trial his counsel did not attack the document as such in that he employed what might be termed a "straight defense" for his client.

Copies of this letter are being designated to the San Francisco Office with the request that the following investigation be conducted at the Headquarters of Sixth Army at the Presidio in San Francisco, California.

For the benefit of the San Francisco Office the following background is being given:

The subject of this case until approximately two years ago was the Assistant Administrator of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, California. In connection with his employment there, as has been indicated in the foregoing and is perhaps better explained by photostats of exchange of correspondence forwarded as enclosures, he signed a PSQ and under Item 31 thereof failed to include that he had been a member of the Communist Party.

Considerable investigation has been conducted seeking to establish Party membership on the part of the subject with the result that it has been pretty well established that the subject, using the name of FRED KANE, was a member of Professional Unit Number 122 of the Communist Party.

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during the years 1938 and 1939 at Pasadena, California.

By letter dated May 11, 1951 the Bureau requested the Newark Office, the office of origin in this case, to explore the possibility of obtaining a PSQ signed by the subject in connection with his employment at Princeton University on which he failed to include his previous membership in the Communist Party. This letter further called attention to the fact that if competent evidence could be obtained to establish the subject's Communist Party membership, his failure to list such on the PSQ might possibly constitute Fraud Against the Government. It was the Bureau's desire to present the facts of this case to the Department for prosecutive opinion.

The San Francisco Office will note from the attached photostats that there is probably a file concerning the subject at the Headquarters of Sixth Army at the Presidio. It is particularly requested that the original typed copy of the PSQ, referred to herein, be located. At the time this document is located it should be ascertained as to who would be the competent custodial officer to introduce this document into evidence should prosecution against the subject proceed.

It is likewise requested that a thorough review be made of the file at Sixth Army to determine if there is any other matter contained therein which is believed would be pertinent in this investigation. According to the best information obtainable locally, the subject at the time he was denied access to classified matter on September 9, 1948 did not initiate any appeal on his behalf but simply continued his employment in his restricted capacity until investigation conducted by the Army had been completed. This was apparently completed in January of 1949 as indicated by the letter of consent issued by Sixth Army, January 17, 1949.

The San Francisco Office's attention is directed to the fact that investigation requested herein should be expedited because in the event that no later PSQ signed by the subject is located by the Newark Office, the statute of limitations in any possible action against the subject based on this PSQ will have only several months to run.

TO: BUREAU

RE: MARTIN J. SUMMERFIELD wa.
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Photostate of letter from JAMES C. ADAMS, Sixth Army
to WALTER J. MURPHY, Cal-Tech
PSQ signed by subj and signed carbon copy of typed copy

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED ON THIS ENVELOPE
DATE 3/21/01 BY SP3BTJ/JG
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2. NORTH - A - VING AVE
3. A - VING - LA - MADERA

Security branch

9 September 1948

California Institute of Technology
Jet Propulsion Laboratory
4800 Oak Grove Drive
Pasadena 2, California

Attn: Mr. V. C. Larsen, Jr.,
Laboratory Administrator

Gentlemen:

Subject: Clearance - Martin Summerfield.

Confirming telephone conversation with Mr. Walter J. Murphy regarding the clearance status of Martin Summerfield, it will be necessary to submit WD AGO Form 19-105 in quadruplicate to this office for further investigation.

Mr. Summerfield is not to have access to Secret and/or Top Secret material until this investigation has been completed.

Yours very truly,

assistant

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CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

4800 OAK GROVE DRIVE
PASADENA 2, CALIFORNIA

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

September 13, 1948

Los Angeles Ordnance District Office
35 North Raymond Avenue
Pasadena, California

Attention: Mr.

Gentlemen:

Subject: Clearance - Martin Summerfield

In compliance with your request of September 9, we are submitting completed Personnel Security Questionnaire Forms in quadruplicate for Martin Summerfield. It is understood that these forms will be processed immediately for further investigation in connection with Dr. Summerfield's clearance status.

In further compliance with your request, Dr. Summerfield has been denied access to Secret and/or Top Secret material until this investigation has been completed. In this connection it should be noted that Dr. Summerfield was cleared for access to Secret Material by letter of consent issued by Virgil H. Massey, Captain, Headquarters Southern Security District, Ninth Service Command, on 4 September, 1944.

As you know, Dr. Summerfield is Chief of our Rocket and Materials Division in charge of a number of very important research and development programs. It is therefore requested that you do everything possible to expedite completion of the additional investigation.

Very truly yours,

JET PROPULSION LABORATORY

WJM:pm

W. J. Murphy
Personal Administrator

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HEADQUARTERS SIXTH ARMY
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

In reply refer to
AMGBI-CI (2-PBI-21732)

14 JAN 1949

California Institute of Technology
4800 Oak Grove Drive
Pasadena, California

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to the Personnel Security Questionnaire recently submitted by your company in the case of the citizen whose name appears herein.

In conformance with paragraph 2 of the Secrecy Agreement set forth in paragraph 67 of AR 380-5 and Article 16-19 (b) of the Security Manual for Classified Material of the Department of the Navy, consent is hereby GRANTED for employment on or access to top secret and secret contracts and information of the Departments of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force in the case of the following citizen. This grant of consent is subject to the conditions and requirements set forth on the attached page.

SUMMERFIELD, Martin

By direction of the Secretaries of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force:

E.P. PARKER, Jr.
Major General, USA

THOMAS B. INGLIS
Rear Admiral, USN

J.V. DILLON
Colonel, USAF
The Air Provost Marshal

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Conditions & Requirements

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CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Consent granted for the employment of an individual is your authorization to utilize the service of the individual on aeronautical and classified (top secret, secret, confidential or restricted, as indicated in each consent letter), Army, Navy and Air Force contracts being performed by you within the geographical limits or under the jurisdiction of the Army Area of Air Materiel Command (hereinafter referred to as Command) from which you received the consent.
2. Before you may employ an individual on contracts of the type described above, within the geographical limits or under the jurisdiction of another command, consent must be obtained by request submitted to the command in which or under the jurisdiction of which the individual is to be employed. The request must be accompanied by a photostatic or certified copy of the original letter of consent and a new Alien Questionnaire or Personnel Security Questionnaire, whichever is applicable.
3. If information comes to your attention which indicates that your employment of the individual is, or may be, inimical to the interests of the United States, you are required promptly to make complete report to the office from which you received the consent letter, in order that appropriate action may be taken.
4. All correspondence or inquiries in connection with this matter should be directed to the office from which you received the consent letter.

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PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE		TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY			
<small>Print or type. Type or print all answers. If more space is required, attach additional sheets, identifying by continuing back number. PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION</small>		<small>ROUTING SPECIAL</small>			
<small>TO Government agency which is to receive the results of the investigation</small>		<small>31 MAR 1948</small>			
<small>TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYEE</small>		<small>31 MAR 1948</small>			
1. LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME		2. ALIAS (Include maiden name, if married woman)			
SUMMERFIELD MARIA		NONE			
3. DATE OF BIRTH	4. NATIONALITY, STATE, AND COUNTRY			5. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.	
Oct. 20, 1916	N.Y. CITY, N.Y., U.S.A.			571-16-6765	
6. MARITAL STATUS	SINGLE	7. SEX	8. RACE	9. HEIGHT	10. WEIGHT
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MARRIED	SEPARATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE	WHITE	5'7"	170#
WIDOWED	DIVORCED	<input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE			
11. NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED		12. COLOR EYES			
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, PASADENA, CAL.		Brown			
13. ADDRESSES (List all human addresses for past 10 years, starting with present address)		14. FROM (Date)			
624 EATON DRIVE, PASADENA, CAL		3/47			
2006 OAK STREET, SO. PASADENA, CAL		10/46			
77 SO. ROOSEVELT AVE., PASADENA, CAL.		3/47			
314 SO. MICHIGAN AVE., PASADENA, CAL.		10/45			
671 SO. CATALINA AVE., PASADENA, CAL.		ABOUT 1939			
		9/36			
		ABOUT 1939			
15. TO (Date)		16. FROM (Date)			
6/41		3/47			
17. MILITARY SERVICE		18. COUNTRY			
NONE		19. FROM (Date)			
		20. TO (Date)			
SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA					
18. DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS		19. ORDER NO.		20. CLASSIFICATION	
NONE (WORLD WAR II REGISTRATION EXPIRED)					
CITIZENSHIP					
21. U. S. CITIZEN	22. NATURALIZED	23. DATE OF NATURALIZATION	24. CERTIFICATE NO.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	—	—		
25. CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE WHERE NATURALIZED		26. COURT			
—		—			
27. PORT OF ENTRY (If alien)		28. DATE OF ENTRY INTO U. S.		29. ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	
30. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED SINCE 1930					
NAME OF COUNTRY		DATE LEFT U. S.	DATE RETURNED TO U. S.	PURPOSE	
NONE EXCEPT OCCASIONAL 1 TO 3 DAY MOTOR TRIPS TO TIJUANA, MEX., JUAREZ, MEX., AND VICTORIA, B.C., MEXICO.		—	—	—	
31. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS (Fraternal, social, and religious; membership in labor unions should not be listed)					
NAME AND ADDRESS		TYPE	OFFICE HELD	FROM	TO
F.D.R. DEMOCRATIC CLUB OF PASADENA		POLITICAL	MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS	1945	PRESENT
(5 OR 6 PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES NOT REQUESTED ABOVE.)					

RELATIVES (Parents, spouse, brothers, sisters - even if deceased)				
RELATION	NAME	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
FATHER	JACOB SUMMERFIELD	DECEASED (1920)	POLAND	WAS U.S.A.
MOTHER	AUGUSTA SUMMERFIELD	DECEASED (1929)	RUSSIA	WAS U.S.A.
WIFE	EILEEN SUMMERFIELD	624 EATON DR., PASADENA	RUSSIA	U.S.A.

31. EMPLOYMENT (Show every employment you have had since 1935 and account for all periods of unemployment. If a Personnel Security Questionnaire was filled out, indicate this fact by a mark in the column headed "PSQ".)

POSITION HELD	NAME OF EMPLOYER AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS	PSQ	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
DIVISION CHIEF	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECH. DR. LOUIS G. DUNN JET PROPULSION LABORATORY.	PASADENA, CAL.	YES	10/45	PRESENT
DEVELOPMENT ENGINEER AND VICE-PRESIDENT IN CHARGE OF ENGINEERING	AEROMET ENGINEERING CORP. (1) ANDREW G. HALEY, 1943-45 (2) DAN A. KIMBALL, 3/45 - 9/45	AZUSA, CAL.	?	3/43	9/45
	(DURING THE PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AT AEROMET I WAS EMPLOYED PART-TIME AT CALIF. INST. OF TECH.)				
ASSISTANT CHIEF ENGINEER	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECH. DR. FRANK J. MALINA AIR CORPS JET PROPULSION RESEARCH PROJECT	PASADENA, CAL.	?	7/40	3/43
TEACHING FELLOW	CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF TECH PROF. E. C. WATSON	PASADENA, CAL.	NO	9/36	6/40

32. REFERENCES (Name three citizens, not relatives or employers, who have known you for 10 years)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
MR. T. EDWARD BEEHAN	3094 LA CORONA AV, ALTADENA, CAL	5
MR. ANDREW G. HALEY	560 SO. ORANGE GROVE AV., PASADENA, CAL.	6 OR 7
DR. I. EUGENE GOULD	2600 NO. FOOTHILL BLVD., ALTADENA, CAL	ABOUT 5 TO 7

33. TO BE COMPLETED BY A RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMPLOYER OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY REQUESTING THE INVESTIGATION

34. NAME OF EMPLOYER (If a subsidiary, include name of parent company)	35. ADDRESS
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36. DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES (If employee will have access to classified material, so state)

Chief of Rocket & Propellant Division required to have access to secret I Corps research material

I CERTIFY the above to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief

37. DATE	38. SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE	39. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY
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9/10/48

Martin Summerfield

D. J. Murphy

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE		DATE 9/10/48	MY AREA Sixth Army
<p>Prepare in triplicate. Type or print all answers. If more space is required, attach additional sheets, identifying by same oriling block number. PENALTY FOR MISREPRESENTATION.</p>		TO BE COMPLETED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCY CLASSIFICATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCLASSIFIED <input type="checkbox"/> RESTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFIDENTIAL <input type="checkbox"/> ROUTING <input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	
TO (Government agency who is to receive the result of any investigation) Los Angeles Ordnance District, 35 No. Raymond, Pasadena 1, California			
TO BE COMPLETED BY EMPLOYEE			
1. LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MIDDLE INITIAL Sommerfield, Martin		ALIAS (Include maiden name, if married woman) None	
3. DATE OF BIRTH 10/21/16		4. PLACE (City, State, and country) New York City, New York	
5. MARITAL STATUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED		6. SEX <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	
7. RACE White		8. HEIGHT 5'7"	
9. WEIGHT 170		10. COLOR EYES Brown	
11. COLOR HAIR Brown		12. COLOR HAIR Brown	
13. NAME AND LOCATION OF SCHOOL LAST ATTENDED California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California		14. FROM (Date) 9/1936	
		15. TO (Date) 6/1943	
16. ADDRESSES (List all home addresses for past 10 years, starting with present address) STREET, CITY, AND STATE 624 Eaton Drive, Pasadena, California 2006 Oak Street, So. Pasadena, California 77 So. Roosevelt Ave., Pasadena, California 314 So. Michigan Ave., Pasadena, California 671 So. Catalina Ave., Pasadena, California			
		FROM (Date) 3-1947 2-1946 10-1945 1939 9-1936	
		TO (Date) Present 3-1947 10-1946 1939 1939	
17. MILITARY SERVICE COUNTRY None			
		FROM (Date) Present TO (Date)	
18. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA DRAFT BOARD NUMBER AND ADDRESS None			
19. ORDER NO.		20. CLASSIFICATION	
21. U. S. CITIZEN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
22. NATURALIZED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		23. DATE OF NATURALIZATION	
		24. CERTIFICATE NO.	
25. CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE, WHERE NATURALIZED			
		26. COURT	
27. PORT OF ENTRY (If alien)		28. DATE OF ENTRY INTO U. S.	
		29. ALIEN REGISTRATION NO.	
30. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED SINCE 1930 NAME OF COUNTRY DATE LEFT U. S. DATE RETURNED TO U. S. PURPOSE None except occasional 1 to 3 day motor trips to Tijuana, Mexico, Juarez, Mexico and Victoria, B. C., Canada			
31. ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS (Political, social, and religious, membership in labor unions should not be listed) NAME AND ADDRESS TYPE OFFICE HELD FROM TO P. D. P. Democratic Club of Pasadena Political Present 1945 Present			
(5 or 6 Professional scientific societies)			

RELATIVES (Parents, Siblings, Spouse, Children, and other血亲, relatives, deceased)				
RELATION	NAME	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Jacob Summerfield	Decceased (1920)	Poland	USA (was)
Mother	Augusta Summerfield	Decceased (1929)	Russia	USA (was)
Wife	Eileen Summerfield	624 Eaton Drive, Pasadena, California	Russia	USA

23. EMPLOYMENT (Show every employment you have had since 1935 and account for all periods of unemployment. If a Personnel Security Questionnaire was filled out, indicate this fact by a mark in the column headed "PSQ")

POSITION HELD	NAME OF EMPLOYER AND IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR	ADDRESS	PSQ	FROM (Date)	TO (Date)
Division Chief	Jet Propulsion Laboratory	Pasadena 2, California	Yes	10/43	Present
Development Aerojet Eng'r. Corp. Eng'r. & Vice Pres. in charge		Amasa, California		3/43	9/43
Asst. Chief Calif. Inst. of Tech. Eng'r.		Pasadena, California		7/40	3/43
Teaching Calif. Inst. of Tech. Fellowship	Calif. Inst. of Tech.	Pasadena, California		9/36	6/40

24. REFERENCES (Name three citizens, not relatives or employers, who have known you for 10 years)

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
Mr. T. Edward Boehm	309½ La Corona Ave., Altadena, Calif.	5
Mr. Andrew G. Halcy	560 So. Orange Grove Ave., Pasadena, Calif.	7
Mr. I. Eugene Gould	2600 So. Foothill Blvd., Altadena, Calif.	7

TO BE COMPLETED BY A RESPONSIBLE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EMPLOYER OR GOVERNMENT AGENCY REQUESTING THE INVESTIGATION

25. NAME OF EMPLOYER (If a subsidiary, include name of parent company)	36. ADDRESS
Jet Propulsion Laboratory	4800 Oak Grove Drive, Pasadena, California

27. DESCRIPTION OF EMPLOYEE'S DUTIES (If employee will have access to classified material, so state)

Chief of Rockets & Materials Division required to have access to Secret & Top Secret/

Material.

I CERTIFY the above to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief

28. DATE	29. SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE	30. SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY
9/10/48	Martin Summerfield	D. J. Murphy